

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 9-30 remain pending in this application with claims 19, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 and 23-26 being amended and claims 4-8 being cancelled by this response.

Objection to the Specification

The Specification has been objected to for certain informalities. The specification has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to correct certain typographical errors. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by these amendments. In view of the amendments to the specification, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 4, 23 and 25 have been objected to for certain informalities. Claim 4 has been cancelled and claims 23 and 25 have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to correct certain typographical errors. In view of the cancellation of claim 24 and the amendments to claims 23 and 25, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 4 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 4 has been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claim 4, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 4, 14-22 and 24-26 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

Claims 4, 14-22 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Claims 14, 17, 19, 24 and 26 have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to correct typographical errors and provide antecedent basis for all terms. In view of the cancellation of claim 4 and amendments to claims 14, 17, 19, 24 and 26, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1, 5, 6 and 13 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1, 5, 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gruber. Claim 8 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 5-8. Claims 5-8 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 5-8 and the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5-8, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable. As claims 5, 6 and 13 depend from claim 1 it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 7 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gruber. Claim 7 has been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 2 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gruber in view of Labrador. Claim 8 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 5-8. Claims 5-8 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 5-8 and the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5-8, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable. As claim 2 depends from claim 1 it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 is also allowable. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 3 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gruber in view of Morris. Claim 8 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 5-8. Claims 5-8 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 5-8 and the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5-8, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable. As claim 3 depends from claim 1 it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 is also allowable. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 4 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gruber in view of Donnan. Claim 8 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 5-8. Claims 5-8 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 5-8 and the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5-8, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable. As claim 4 depends from claim 1 it is

respectfully submitted that claim 4 is also allowable. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

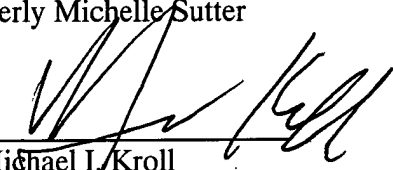
As all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

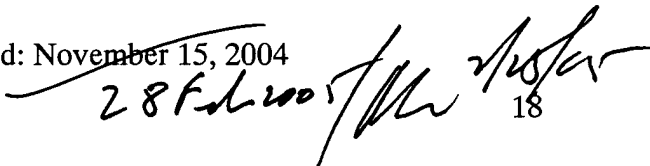
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